

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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In re Patent Application of:  
Makoto Ashiura et al.

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For: RUBBER COMPOSITION CONTAINING  
MODIFIED CONJUGATED DIENE-BASED  
POLYMER BONDED TO FULLERENE

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Examiner: R. A. Lee

**REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Dear Sir:

Applicant hereby petitions for a two month extension of time to and including August 20, 2007 to respond to the Office Action mailed March 19, 2007.

In the event that a further petition for an extension of time is required to be submitted at this time, applicant hereby petitions under 37 CFR 1.136(a) for an extension of time for as many months as are required to ensure that the above-identified application does not become abandoned.

Please charge our Deposit Account No. 22-0185 in the amount of \$450.00 covering the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(a)(2). The Director is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in the fees filed, asserted to be filed or which should have been filed herewith (or with any paper

hereafter filed in this application by this firm) to our Deposit Account No. 22-0185, under Order No. 21713-00055-US1. A duplicate copy of this paper is enclosed.

Dated: August 15, 2007

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